--- 1/5th Pound - "Series of 1883" - GREEN - 255 x 20 mm. ---

The collection contains a lithographed copy of the perforated 1/5th pound '*imprint-free*' green strip, with control **061400**, which is definitely dated **4 '85** for August 1885. This strip must have been 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract**, and thus it seems that the '*imprint-free*' lithographed strips formed the initial printing

In 1887 BABN was compelled, as a condition of regaining the Contract, to transfer their headquarters back to Ottawa, and the "Montreal" imprint apparently was added to the master die, and to the printing plates. Was this a reaction to the forced move? Judging by the 4 mm. controls, the actual printing operations were still in Montreal.

John McKay records that 109,506 *lithographed* copies, and 150,494 *recess printed* hand press copies of "1-5th, Green" tobacco were 'delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). Judging by the 1885 date and the control numbering on the illustrated strip, the initial strips were l*ithographed* and were 'imprint' free.

John McKay also records that 407,944 *lithographed* copies, and 725,056 *recess printed* hand press copies of "1/5 lb. Green" tobacco were 'delivered' under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892).

John McKay further records that 38,500 *lithographed* copies, and 61,300 *recess printed* hand press copies of "1/5 Green" tobacco were 'delivered' under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892-1897). The *recess printed* copies probably carry the "Ottawa" imprint, while the *lithographed* strips may be remnants from the 3rd BABN Contract.

Finally McKay records that 36,590 *lithographed* copies, plus 57,120 *recess printed* hand press copies, and another 112,500 *recess printed* rotary press copies of '1/5 lb. Green" tobacco were 'delivered' under the **5th BABN Supplement** (1897-1898). The *recess printed* sheets had been prepared under the **5th BABN Contract** and remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were made available to the Department while ABN worked 'up-to-speed' with the die preparation and the printing of the "Series of 1897".

3rd BABN Contract - October 22nd 1878	109,506 lithographed	**000001** to **592540**
	150,494 recess printed (hand press)	**592541** to **743035**
4th BABN Contract - October 22nd 1886	407,944 lithographed	----------
	725,056 recess printed (hand press)	**743036** to 1-**468091**
5th BABN Contract - April 23rd 1892	38,500 lithographed	----------
	61,300 recess printed (hand press)	1-**468092** to 1-**529391**
5th BABN Supplement - (1897-1898)	36,590 lithographed	----------
	57,120 recess printed (hand press)	1-**529391** to 1-**586500**
	112,500 recess printed (rotary press)	1-**586501** to 1-**699010**

592,540 lithographed and 1,106,470 recess printed = 1,699,010 copies

The multiple 'deliveries' of lithographed strips between 1878 and 1892 are deceptive and make the control sequence hard to determine. They were all *lithographed* under the **3rd BABN Contract** - I presume that they receive their control numbers at this time.

The catalogue lists the "Series of 1883" green 1/5th pound strip as follows:

RP-584 - 1/5th pound, green, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, "Montreal" imprint, 255x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls
RP-584A - 1/5th pound, green, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, "Ottawa" imprint, 250 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls
RP-585 - 1/5th pound, green, *roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, "Ottawa" imprint, 250 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls
RP-586 - 1/5th pound, green, *roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, *without* an imprint, 253 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls
RP-587 (L) - 1/5th pound, green, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, *without* an imprint, 257 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls

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Chris Ryan in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 41, March 2003, states that the green 1/5th pound strip was one of the initial strips in the "Series of 1883". It was gradually introduced in 1885, as the lithographed 1/5 pound green "Series of 1880-81" tobacco strips were consumed. About 1,700,000 green strips of the "Series of 1883" for 1/5th pound cut tobacco were 'Delivered' by BABN. Judging by the number of **1/5 lb.** overprints made on the earlier "Series of 1880-81" green strips, the size was widely used by the tobacco farmers.

--- 1/5th Pound - “Series of 1883” - GREEN - 257 x 20 mm. - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- Lithographed on horizontal mesh wove paper - *without* control numbering ---

--- RP-587n (L) - *perforated 12* - *without an imprint* - scanned at 67% scale ---

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RP-587n (L) - 1/5th pound, perforated 12, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on horizontal mesh wove paper - 257 x 20 mm. design - *without an imprint*

The 4 mm. Gothic ***violet control numbers*** are found only in the “Series of 1883”, and in a few earlier printing which saw late usage. I feel that these violet control numbered strips were created for a Philatelic Exhibition in the mid 1880’s. They find a parallel in the 5 mm. ***faint blue control numbers*** which occur on the “Series of 1880-81” strips, which are probably from an earlier exhibition.

1/4th pound, *lithographed*, perforated 12, *imprint free*, with violet 4 mm. Gothic control **0944** - scanned at 67% scale

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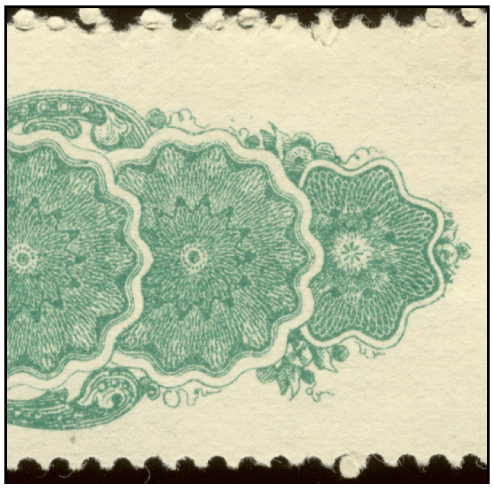

The right end design on the “imprint free” lithographed strip - scanned at 250% scale

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--- *Recess printed* by hand press on *horizontal* mesh wove paper - 4 mm. blue controls ---

--- RP-586 - perforated 12 - *without an imprint* - scanned at 67% scale ---

RP-586 - 1/5th pound, perforated 12, with 4 mm. control 1- **061400**,
on horizontal mesh wove - a 255 x 15 mm. design, *without* an imprint,
Stamped **2.14 4 '85** by "Arthur Marion Tobacco", Joliette, P.Q. in August 1885

1- **061400**★	08/85	RP-586	1/5th pound, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, without the imprint, stamped **2.14 4 '85**

--- Recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove paper - 4 mm. blue controls ---

--- RP-584 - perforated 12 - with the 26 mm. "Montreal" imprint - scanned at 67% scale ---

RP-584 - 1/5th pound, perf 12, with 4 mm. control number 1-**214363**, with the "Montreal" imprint,
Stamped **9.17 10 '86** by "F. X. Maille Tobacco", Montreal, in October 1886

1-**093766**		RP-584	1/5th pound, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, rollered **TOBACCO / 5 - 17**
1-**101242**		RP-584	1/5th pound, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, rollered **TOBACCO / 14 - 17**
1-**214363**★	10/86	RP-584	1/5th pound, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, stamped **9.17 10 '86**

--- *Recess printed* by hand press on *vertical* mesh wove paper - 4 mm. blue controls ---

--- RP-585 - *coarse roulette* - 26 mm. "Ottawa" imprint - scanned at 67% scale ---

Although they carry the "Ottawa" imprint, it would seem from their 4 mm. control numbering that these strips were printed, or at least control-numbered, in Montreal. BABN may have been compelled to replace the "Montreal" imprint with "Ottawa", but the printing location apparently remained in Quebec. These are about 5 mm. shorter - the *vertical mesh* wove paper must shrink upon drying.

RP-585 - 1/5th pound, *coarse roulette*, with 4 mm. control 1-**475013**,
on vertical mesh wove - 250 x 15 mm. design - with the 26 mm. "Ottawa" imprint

RP-585 CP - 1/5th pound, *coarse roulette*, with 4 mm. control 1-**475024**, on vertical mesh wove,
250 x 15 mm. design - with the 26 mm. "Ottawa" imprint - stamped **CANCELLED**

1-**475013**★	RP-585	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
1-**475024**★	RP-585 CP	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove, with the 26 mm. "Ottawa" imprint, stamped **CANCELLED**
1-**475053**	RP-585 CP	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove, with the 26 mm. "Ottawa" imprint, stamped **CANCELLED**

--- Recess printed by rotary press on horizontal mesh wove paper - 253 x 15 mm design - 4 mm blue controls ---

--- RP-586 - *coarse roulette* - *without an imprint* - scanned at 67% scale ---

RP-586 - 1/5th pound, *coarse roulette*, with 4 mm. control number **625490**,
recess printed on horizontal mesh wove - with a 253 x 15 mm. design, *without an imprint*,
Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 7 - 8** by "B. Houde Tobacco", Quebec City

1- **625490**★	RP-586	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO / 7 - 8**
1- **628907**	RP-586	1/5th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO / 4 - 8**

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